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## FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI STATEMENT ON FOX/DISH NETWORK RETRANSMISSION AGREEMENT

"I welcome the news that Fox and DISH Network have agreed to extend their contract for carriage of Fox TV stations on DISH's satellite system. Their current contract was slated to expire at midnight this Sunday, and the extension ensures that there will be no interruption of DISH subscribers' ability to view the programming of these Fox stations.

"The new contract also restores to DISH a number of Fox cable networks (FX, National Geographic Channel, and 19 regional sports networks) that DISH subscribers had been unable to see since October 1, 2010, when the previous contract for carriage of those networks expired.

"I am pleased that Fox and DISH have kept in mind their responsibility to protect consumers from blackouts when they negotiate carriage terms. I urge Fox and Cablevision to complete their negotiations and end the impasse that has disrupted service to viewers."

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